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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Group Art Unit:

REINHOLD REILING et al

Examiner:

Serial No.: US National Phase of  
PCT/EP00/08204

Filed: concurrently herewith

For: DEVICE FOR DRESSING, IN PARTICULAR SHARPENING,  
A TOOL HAVING A PLURALITY OF TEETH

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as set forth hereinbelow and in  
the attached appendix:

A 4. (Amended) The device according claim 1, wherein at  
least one of said guiding elements is extending substantially  
over the entire length of said support surface.

5. (Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein at  
least one of said guiding elements is designed as an elongated  
slot or an opening in said support surface.